

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

La Sierra Avenue/State Route 91 Interchange Improvements

Project Purpose: The project will enhance the capacity and operation of the La Sierra Avenue and State Route 91 interchange.

Project Limits: The project will extend from Diana Avenue/Montlake Drive to the north to Indiana Avenue in the south and will extend about 3,000 feet along State Route 91.

Project Scope: The project will replace the existing freeway overcrossing and the railroad overpass with new six lane bridges with dual left turn lanes. The freeway ramps would retain their current configuration and would be widened to three lanes. Several retaining walls will be constructed along the interchange ramps and the area surrounding the ramps will be landscaped.

Construction Schedule: Construction of the project is anticipated to begin the first week of October 2007 and is expected to last 22 months.

Construction Staging: The bridge structures will be built in two phases allowing the existing bridges to remain open while half of the new bridges are constructed. Traffic will then be shifted on to the new structures while the existing structures are demolished and the second half of the new bridges are completed.

Construction staging for the first three months of the project will be as follows:

- Widening the freeway shoulders in both directions
- Shifting freeway lanes outwards to provide median work area
- Working on bridge foundations
- Realigning Diana Avenue
- Constructing a retaining wall along Diana Avenue

Freeway and Ramp Closures: Periodic night time freeway closures and limited 10-day ramp closures are anticipated during the construction of the project. There may also be short periods of time when traffic lanes on La Sierra Avenue will be closed. However, access to your property will be maintained at all times during construction.

Detours: During full freeway closures, Route 91 traffic will be routed to exit ramps, then routed back to the freeway using the entrance ramps.

During ramp closures, freeway traffic will be routed to the Magnolia Avenue, Pierce Street and Tyler Avenue interchanges via Indiana Avenue, Magnolia Avenue, Pierce Street and Tyler Avenue.

Contact: For inquiries, you may contact the City of Riverside at (951) 826-5760.